

Private Eye Aids Suspicious Spouses With Do-It-Yourself Snooper Kit

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John W. Leon, a private detective with an eye for social change, has come up with a "do-it-yourself" kit for suspicious husbands.

Cuckoldry, he told an inquisitive Senate subcommittee yesterday, seems to be on the rise, at least in the Nation's capital.

The kit that tells all comes complete with automatic camera to catch romping housewives on film while hubby's at the office.

Leon calls it "the ten-day blitz."

"If you don't come up with what you want after about 10 days of conscientious use," he explained, "you might as well forget it."

Equipped with wide angle and telephoto lenses, the home movie maker can be hidden in a room and adjusted to take

pictures every few seconds all days long.

"By the end of the day," Leon said, "you know everything that happened in the rooms."

The rest of the package, he indicated, is designed to record sweet nothings whispered by the missus and her beau.

It includes gadgets for "bugging" the family car, voice transmitters for the house, a voice activator that can be used to trigger recording equipment, and a little telephone bug that can be installed by any amateur in less than five minutes.

The telephone bug, Leon said, is made by a Cuban refugee in Miami.

The whole kit, he said costs only about \$400. A complete blitz with his services as a "consultant" could send the price as high as \$1500.

But Leon, who is appealing a 1964 "bugging" conviction to the Supreme Court, said recent FCC regulations against electronic eavesdropping apparently makes use of his kits illegal. He can still sell them, but cuckolds can't use them.

Most of his "domestic" business, he told the subcommittee, used to involve wives checking on their husbands. But now, he said, four times out of five, it's a husband checking on his wife.

"Can you account for this radical change?" asked Subcommittee Counsel Bernard Fensterwald.

"We feel it's the fact that women have more freedom to get around," Leon said.

"Did the invention of the pill have anything to do with this?"

Leon said he wouldn't want to comment on that.

In other testimony before the anti-snooping subcommittee headed by Sen. Edward V. Long (D-Mo.), a consultant for

the Budget Bureau, Edgar S. Dunn Jr., said proposals for a National Data Service Center had acquired a public image that was "grossly mis-

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leading and, in many respects, false."

Long said he feared the center could turn into "a Frankenstein monster" if the information the Government has on individual citizens were pooled in one place.

Dunn said the center was intended to pull together only "general purpose" statistics for the sake of "intelligent public planning." He said he felt sure the Center could be

developed with adequate safeguards for individual privacy.

Long voiced concern that Internal Revenue Service records might be among those turned over to the Data Center. Dunn said the selection of records would be "a matter for future determination."

At the hearing, Long also announced that he had privately interviewed an Internal Revenue Service investigator

who had written a controversial memo describing part of the IRS's "Operation Dry-Up," aimed at moonshining, as a wonderful way to "brainwash the citizenry."

The Senator said he was "convinced it would not serve the public interest" to make the young agent's name public. He got the man's name through the White House after the IRS refused to give it to him.